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Her Majesties Most Gracious Letter to the Parliament of Scotland.

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

WE thought to have brought You sooner together in this Meeting of Parliament, but the Great and weighty Affairs wherein We have been engaged this Winter, were a necessary Hindrance. We have on several Occasions given You and all Our good Subjects Assurance of Our firm Resolution, to maintain and protect them in their Religion Rights and Liberties as at present established by Law. And if there be any thing else wanting for the Satisfaction of Our People, and the Security of that Our Ancient Kingdom; We shall be always ready to have it timeously provided for and supplyed. You see that we continue engaged in a great and necessary War for the Defence of the *Protestant Religion*, and the Preservation of the Liberties of *Christendom*; And We hope You will be careful to guard against all Dangers that this War may threaten; For which end, We recommend to You more particularly the Consideration of the State of our Forces, Forts and Garrisons, that they be duely and sufficiently maintained, and the necessary Supplies granted for that Effect, and all kept in such Order as may be most conducing to the Ease, as well as Safety of the Country. We also recommend to Your Care, that Trade be encouraged, and all Methods taken for the Advancement thereof, either by amending former Laws, or making New ones, or any thing else that may be found Needful and Expedient for the Benefit of the Kingdom. It hath been, and shall always be Our chief Study and Endeavour, to establish and secure the Peace, and promote the Good of that Our Ancient Kingdom; And therefore We do expect Your Concurrence and Assistance for such good and great Ends; And that You will prosecute them with that Wisdom, Prudence and Unanimity, as may most tend to Our Common Advantage and Satisfaction; But chiefly, that effectual Means may be laid down for promoting of Religion, Virtue and true Piety, and suppressing Vice and Immorality, and providing for the Poor. We have appointed Our right Trusty and intirely beloved Cousin and Counsellor, *James* Duke of *Queensberry* to be our Commissioner, to represent our Royal Person in this Session of Parliament, being well satisfied that the Experience that both we and you have had of his great Abilities and Fidelity in his former Discharge of this Trust, will fully commend our Choice, and render him to You acceptable.

This being Your first Meeting, and we having recommended nothing but what is for Your own Security and Welfare, we confidently expect a suitable Return, and a dutiful and chearful Concurrence in what we propose; and that all Differences and Animosities laid aside, You will with Concord and Diligence bring Matters to such a happy Conclusion as shall establish a lasting Union between us and our People: So we bid You heartily farewel.

Given at Our Court *at St.* James's *the* 30*th Day of* March 1703. *and of our Reign the* 2*d Year.*

By Her Majesties Command

Sic Subscribitur, Tarbat.

The Speech of his Grace James *Duke of* Queensberry, *&c. Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the Parliament of* Scotland, *on Thursday the 6th of* May 1703.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HER Majesty has been graciously pleased to give ample and frequent Assurances to maintain and protect the Religion, Laws, and Liberties of this Her Ancient Kingdom, and the present Constitution of the Church; if any thing be wanting for the Ease and Satisfaction of Her Majesty's good Subjects, I am sufficiently instructed, and impowered in what may be thought expedient to be proposed for that End.

The close Conjunction of the two Monarchies, which in their Turns have design'd to Enslave Europe and Extirpate our Religion, made it just and necessary for Her Majesty to be engag'd in the War; and Her Early Appearance, gave Life and Vigour to the Confederacy, and particular Encouragement to the Protestant Princes and States: God has hitherto bless'd the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies with glorious Success both by Sea and Land; so that there is a Stop put to the Victories, and a Check given to the incroaching Power of France.

It cannot but be great Satisfaction to us, to be under the benign Government of a Protestant Queen; We enjoy the Comforts of Peace, and feel neither the Effects of Tyranny, nor the Disorders of War, in which so many are involv'd; But we ought not to be too Secure, and it were to tempt our Enemies to form Designs, or make Insults against us, if they see us in no Condition of Defence.

All Her Majesty proposes to you, is for your selves, without mingling any particular Concern of Her own; it is to continue the Provision for the Forces on the Establishment, and to furnish and repair the Forts and Garrisons, which is so necessary, that I cannot doubt of your ready Compliance with Her Majesty's Desires: And your Chearfulness in it, will be very acceptable to Her Majesty, observable to the World, and a great Evidence of your Loyalty and Affection, which will add much to the Value of what you offer.

The Decay and present low Condition of Trade, requires Your prudent and special Consideration; Her Majesty on Her Part is willing to concur with You in any thing that may contribute to encourage and restore it, either by making New Laws, or Amending the present Ones.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT has pleas'd Her Majesty to honour me with a Character to represent Her Royal Person in this Session of Parliament; I am very sensible of the Great Weight and Difficulties, which do attend that Trust, but

but my Encouragement is from the Confidence I have of Her Majesties Goodness, in believing my Sincerity and Zeal for Her Service, and that in Her Royal Wisdom, She is so careful of Her People, that I am not charg'd with any thing that can be constructed to be against the Interest of the Kingdom, which gives me Assurance of Your hearty Concurrence, and I shall very faithfully report what Services are done by every Person to Her Majesty and the Nation.

The Speech of James *Earl of* Seafield, *&c. Lord High Chancellor to the Parliament of* Scotland.

On *Thursday* the 6th of *May* 1703.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

HER Majesties Accession to the Throne of Her Royal Ancestors, is the great Happiness of all Her Majesties Dominions; She has ever firmly adhered to the Protestant Religion, and may justly be called the Defender of the Protestant Interest in Europe; and all who have had the Honour to have more immediate Access to Her Majesties Person, or who have duly consider'd the whole Steps of Her Majesties Government, must be convinc'd, that it is Her Majesties chief Design to make all Her Subjects happy.

You have heard Her Majesties Most Gracious Letter, and His Grace my Lord Commissioner his Speech, and it must certainly give You who are the Representatives of this Kingdom, convened by Her Majesties Authority, great Satisfaction, that Her Majesty does give You full Assurance of Her Royal Resolution, to maintain Her People in the Possession of their Religion, of their Laws and of their Liberties; and has also frequently promis'd Her Protection to the Government of the Church; But if any thing be yet needful for the Ease, Contentment and Satisfaction of Her Majesties Subjects, Her Majesty has given full Instructions, as my Lord Commissioner has signified; So that nothing is wanting on Her Part, and nothing is propos'd or demanded by Her, but what is necessary for the Security and Prosperity of this Kingdom.

Her Majesty is engaged in a most just and necessary War, for the Defence of the Liberties of Europe, against the formidable Power of the French King; and as we are to be thankful to God for the Success Her Majesties Arms have had, so we ought to give Her Majesty all the Support and Assistance in our Power, it being so necessary for our own Defence; and all that Her Majesty demands, is, that You provide for Your own Security, by giving such Supplies as may be further necessary for maintaining Her Majesties Forces, and repairing and providing for the Forts and Garrisons, the doing of which will be a convincing Proof of that intire Union and Confidence, which is betwixt Her Majesty and Her People; and will be the most effectual mean to disappoint the Designs of our Enemies, and to preserve the Peace and Tranquillity we now enjoy.

The Trade of this Kingdom does deserve Your particular Consideration, the Advancing and Improvement of it is the only mean to increase the Wealth and Riches of this Nation; and in the doing of which, You have full Assurance of Her Majesties Concurrence; Our Manufactories are very much improved, and ought to have all Encouragement, but we have almost no Forreign Trade, and all our Towns and Incorporations are thereby much impoverished. You have now an Opportunity of doing what You shall think necessary in this Matter, either by amending Laws that may be prejudicial to Trade, or by making New Ones, or reviving such as are in Desuetude.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

SEeing Her Majesties chief Care is to make all Her Subjects happy and contented, let us therefore in Complyance with Her Majesties just Demands, cordially and unanimously concur to support Her Majesties Authority and Government, to advance Religion and true Piety, to discourage Vice and Immorality, to promote and improve Trade, and to do every thing that is necessary for the Honour Interest and Security of this Kingdom, that so all may be concluded that comes before You, to the Satisfaction of Her Majesty, and the Good and Welfare of Her People.

Plymouth, May 11. This Afternoon came in here Admiral Churchill on board the Bedford, Vice-Admiral Fairborn in the St. George, and Her Majesty's Ship the Somerset Captain Martin, bound for the Squadron of Men of War Transports, &c. under Sir George Rooke.

Bristol, May 12. Yesterday arriv'd here Her Majesty's Ship the Hastings; and this day came in the Dolphin Frigat with the Bristol Pink from Virginia, but last from Ireland; the Master brings Advice, That all the Virginia Fleet are wholly arriv'd on the Irish Coast.

Yarmouth, May 12. Yesterday came in here from the Nore, the Portland and Adventure Men of War with several Transports, and 4 of Her Majesty's Yatchs, on board of which are the Imperial and Danish Envoys to joyn Rear Admiral Beaumont in the Mary, with the Rochester, Tilbury and Chatham, and to Sail out of these Roads for Holland with all the Merchant Ships bound thither and the East Country.

STolen out of the House of Sir *Martin Lumley*, Bar. at *Greenwich*, on Wednesday night last, being the 12th of this instant *May* 1703, Two plain Salvers, weighing about 24 or 19 Ounces, and engraved with these two following Coats, *viz.* The first on a Chief, a Label of three Points. The second, an Escutcheon, between 8 Stars or Mullets. 12 silver hafted Knives engraved with this Crest, *viz.* An Eagle and a Coronet; and 2 Damask Napkins marked with *J. B.* If any such be offered to be sold, pawn'd or valu'd pray stop them and the Party, and give notice to Mr. *James Seamer*, Goldsmith, at the Flower-de-Luce in *Fleet-street*, and you shall have two Guineas Reward; or if already bought, your Money again with content.

Hamstead-Wells open on *Monday* the 18th instant, where are all Conveniencies for Gentlemen and Ladies to drink the Mineral Waters, with all other Entertainments: And also Musick and Dancing all day long, and so on every *Monday* all the Season.

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